



We welcome all.

North Decatur Presbyterian Church is called by God to be a community of faith and worship, dedicated to Christian education and nurture so that we may go into the world to serve, work for peace and justice, and share God's love with all people.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 12, 2025

11:00 AM

*An * means we rise together in body or spirit; **bold text** words are spoken in unison.*

PREPARATION & ADORATION

As we prepare for worship, we do so in song. Music makes us "one body"—breathing, moving, and vibrating together. Feel free to stand up or stay seated, listen with your eyes closed, or sing along.

GATHERING SONG

Down to the River to Pray

CHIMES

SILENT PRAYER

We enter God's presence in silence.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jaime Jones-Wormley, liturgist

In the beginning, darkness covered the face of the deep,
and God said: *Let there be light,*

And the Spirit moved over the water!

Through the prophet Isaiah, God said:

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.
Do not fear, I have called you by name; you are mine.*

And the Spirit moved over the water!

When Jesus was baptized by John,
suddenly the heavens were opened.

And a dove rested on Jesus, the Beloved,

And the Spirit moved over the water!

Spirit, move over the water in this font today!

Join our life with yours!

* OPENING SONG

I've Got Peace Like a River

Glory to God #623

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Visitors are invited to leave your name and contact information by signing the Welcome Pad.
Children are invited to come forward and sit in front of the baptismal font, alone or with an adult.*

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

In baptism, God's Spirit moves over the water. God's water:

**flows freely to nourish the earth,
rolls down in streams of divine justice,
satisfies those who thirst for righteousness,
refreshes life, nurtures growth, and brings new birth.**

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you renounce evil and turn from the power of sin?
I do.

Do you trust in Jesus Christ, and will you let your life be conformed to the life of Christ?
I do and I will.

Will you pour out your own life to nourish the lives of others, both in this church and for the whole household of God?
I will.

Quiet Reflection

Thanksgiving Over the Water

We give thanks to you, God, for life-giving water.

At the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery deep, calling forth life.

In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood.

You parted the waters of the sea and led your people to the freedom of the promised land.

In the waters of Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Spirit.

In the water of our baptism, you give us life that never ends.

Your Mercy is everlasting.

Your justice never fails.

Your healing river always flows.

No matter how we may try to block the Spirit's path,
or redirect the Spirit's winds,

No matter how far away we wander from the life-giving Stream—

So far that we do not hear its sound,

and we forget its power,

God, you find us

and draw us back to the water's edge

To restore us and refresh us!

May this water be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth, for all of us today!

Come, Holy Spirit!

Move over these waters.

Holy God, Divine Parent of us all! **Glory to you!**

Jesus Christ, Savior! **Glory to you!**

Spirit of holiness, Spirit over the water, **Glory to you!**

Eternal God, Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Take Me to the Water

Glory to God #480

* PASSING THE PEACE

Share a sign of peace by learning “Peace be with you” in American Sign Language; or, if you choose, shake hands or offer a warm embrace to the Beloveds of God who are seated near you.

Children 1st grade and below may leave to go to Extended Session or remain in the pew

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the Living God

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:1-22

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Rev. David Lewicki

DEDICATION

ANTHEM

O Light of Life
NDPC Community Choir

Mark Wilberg

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our [Divine Parent] in heaven, holy is your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL FOR OFFERING

Our Change-for-Change contributions in January support **Presbyterians for a Better Georgia** (PBG). PBG is a voluntary partnership of Presbyterian congregations who work together on public policy advocacy at the Georgia statehouse, focusing on ending homelessness, increasing affordable housing, and expanding access to physical and mental healthcare. To participate in PBG, visit www.p4bg.org.

* CLOSING SONG

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Glory to God #475

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Reflections on the Spirit

arr. Joel Raney

NOTES ON WORSHIP TODAY:

Images of the Day: ?

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WELCOME, VISITORS

We're happy that you've joined us! It takes courage to show up at a new church. Please introduce yourself to those around you as you are comfortable. If you share your email address in the red Welcome Pads, we will send you the weekly NDPC e-newsletter. You can learn more about NDPC's programs at www.ndpc.org. We come from many different backgrounds, traditions, and cultures to worship. Feel free to use language and pronouns for God and for yourself that are authentic to you. After worship, the pastors would love to meet you in person.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Children are welcome in worship at NDPC. The nursery, located off the hallway just outside the sanctuary door, is open for kids 0-3. Kids are free to move around in the narthex, where you can listen to worship with your child, and there are child-friendly quiet activities in the Children's Corner that can be taken back to your seat. The presence of children in worship is a gift, never a disruption.

Would a large print hymnal, magnifying glass, or hearing assist device help you worship? Ask an usher and they will gladly assist you. Let us know how we can make worship accessible for you.

If you would like to donate flowers, volunteer to serve as an usher or liturgist, or share comments about worship, email worship@ndpc.org.

Videos of previous worship services are available at ndpc.org. **Subscribe to our sermon podcast** through any major podcasting service.

Revs. David Lewicki, Mary Anona Stoops, and Erin Reed Cooper are available to meet for pastoral care. Pastoral care is confidential and can be held in-person or virtually. Email david@ndpc.org, maryanona@ndpc.org, or erin@ndpc.org.

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